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FROM : Chief, Economic Services Division

subject: State Department Data on Trade Agreements and East-West Trade

- The Office of Intelligence Research, State Department, maintains three trade agreement files: East-West, East-East, and West-West. A card file contains the commodity structure, commitments, dates and references to documents from which information is obtained. East-West trade agreements receive special attention.
- 2. OIR 51-46, dated February 3, 1950, is the basic format for trade data and trade agreements. Periodic revisions are made from time to time, the latest being IP-4, January 22, 1951.
- 3. The State Department's files on trade agreements are therefore current and presumably accurate. Information on actual trade with detailed figures is not maintained due, we are informed, to insufficient personnel.
- 4. The Trade and Finance Branch of this division can supply specific trade data on short notice.
- 5. A rather detailed report on East-West trade and its implications has been prepared by this division and will be available in ditto form as a working paper for any activity within CIA.

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